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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to E). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Storr, A., Hofmeister, W.: Einsatz objektorientierter ,		00-00-1994
B)	Germany DE 690 30 318 T2	Perkin-Elmer	10-16-1997
C)	Europe EP 1 022 648 A2	Hewlett-Packard	07-26-2000
D)	Germany DE 33 11 246 A1	Yamazaki Mach.	10-13-1983
E)	Europe EP 0 269 737 A1	Fanuc Ltd	06-08-1988

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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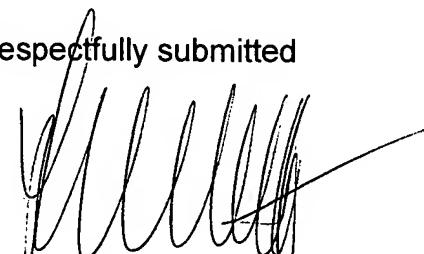
Reference A) relates to the use of object-oriented structures for programming on NC multi-carriage lathes. Sequentially constructed part or source program are subdivided in tool carrier associated sections which are illustrated parallel on a screen by tool carrier specific editors. Part program sets (source sets) are hereby outputted in the editors under consideration of the synchronization. When process times are calculated through simulation of the process sequence, single source sets can also be illustrated in timed dependence relative to one another.

Reference B) describes an automated apparatus which is programmed to perform a process by arranging a sequence of first icons on a display in the order of the process, wherein the first icons represent functions of the apparatus, and wherein at least one of the first icons provides a visual representation of a function of the apparatus. The at least one of the first icons can be expanded to show second icons that comprise the function of said at least one of the first icons, and at least one of the second icons provides a visual representation of a subfunction of the apparatus. When the at least one of the first icons is expanded, the at least one of the first icons maintains its same sequential relationship on the display to the other of the first icons in the sequence as before it was expanded.

Reference D) describes a machining program memory (7) provided for storing machining programs (PRO) for the two tool rests of a quadriaxial numerical control lathe separately and independently from each other in the form of predetermined machining units. A machining time is computed for each of the predetermined machining units stored in the memory and is displayed on the display device (5) as a time chart for each tool rest. The two time charts are then compared by observing the display device in order to determine whether the operating efficiency of the two tool rests can be increased and if so the machining programs (PRO) are amended accordingly.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted  
  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE 690 30 318 T2	10-16-1997	Germany			no
	DE 33 11 246 A1	10-13-1983	Germany			no
	EP 1 022 648 A2	07-26-2000	Europe			yes
	EP 0 269 737 A1	06-08-1988	Europe			yes

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Storr, A., Hofmeister, W.: Einsatz objektorientierten Strukturen zur Programmierung von NC-Mehrschlittendrehmaschinen. In: wt-Produktion und Management 84 (1994), pages 26-30

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